

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image input apparatus includes a reading unit for reading a manuscript image, and a communication unit for transferring the image data, which is read by the reading unit, and control data to another apparatus. The communication unit has a first mode in which a periodic data transfer can be assured, and a second mode in which the periodic data transfer cannot be assured. The communication unit transfers the image data in the first mode, and the control data in the second mode.

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